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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A removable, attachable apparatus for attachment to a measuring tape, the measuring tape having upwardly curving edges and a downwardly substantially perpendicular tab at a leading end, said removable, attachable apparatus comprising:

a. workpiece engagement means for engaging a workpiece to be measured, said engagement means being substantially perpendicular to and beneath said measuring tape and having at least one surface suitable for engaging said workpiece, and

b. attachment means for removably attaching said workpiece engagement means to the curving edges of the measuring tape, wherein said attachment means comprises:

i. rigid attachment member attached to said workpiece engagement means, suitable for being held adjacent to and beneath the measuring tape,

ii. two rigid attachment tabs extending upwardly from said rigid attachment member adjacent to the curving edges of the measuring tape, and

iii. at least one kerf formed in each rigid attachment tab for receiving a curving edge of the measuring tape.

2. (Original) An apparatus as described in claim 1, wherein said workpiece engagement means further comprises:

a. rigid engagement member having a top, bottom, front face, and rear face, aligned with said faces substantially perpendicular to the measuring tape, and

b. said rear face having a surface suitable for engaging the workpiece.

3. (Original) An apparatus as described in claim 2, wherein said rigid engagement member has a width greater than the distance between the curving edges of the measuring tape.

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4. (Original) An apparatus as described in claim 2, wherein said surface suitable for engaging the workpiece is tacky.

5. (Original) An apparatus as described in claim 2, further comprising at least one projection extending backwards from said rear face of said rigid engagement member.

6. (Original) An apparatus as described in claim 2, wherein an indentation formed in said front face of said rigid member is suitable for receiving the tab of the measuring tape.

—7. (Original) An apparatus as described in claim 2, wherein a hole formed in said rigid member is suitable for receiving the tab of the measuring tape.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as described in claim 29, wherein said rigid attachment member and said rigid engagement member comprise a single rigid perpendicular piece.

11. ~~11.~~ (Original) An apparatus as described in claim 1, wherein said attachment means is slideable along said measuring tape.